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City Removes 110 Animals from Residence

Humane Society Awarded Ponies, Turkeys, Ducks, Chickens and Dogs

Wylie, TX, January 18, 2008 – The City of Wylie Animal Control Department, with assistance from the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT), removed 110 animals including 30 ponies, 78 fowl (turkeys, ducks and chickens) and two dogs from 306 Alanis Drive on Thursday, January 10.

“Persistent problems have been documented at this location since 2002,” said Animal Control Supervisor Ken Qualls. “The animals were housed in unsafe conditions on approximately 1.4 acres of land and not provided adequate care. After numerous attempts to gain compliance by the owner, we were left with no other options.”

Animal Control obtained an Affidavit for Civil Seizure Warrant on January 9, 2008, and removed the animals the following day on January 10, 2008. Sufficient evidence of cruelty was found during a January 17 Municipal Court hearing.

Judge Douglas ordered that the seized animals be turned over to the Humane Society of North Texas for care of the animals and eventual placement or adoption. In addition, the owner was ordered to pay court costs in an amount not to exceed \$4,700 to cover costs of the investigation, expert witnesses and housing and caring for the animals during impoundment.

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Veterinarians with the Humane Society diagnosed 100% of the fowl with parasites and 80% with bumble foot, a disease caused by living in unsanitary conditions. A couple of the ponies had overgrown, cracking hoofs and 100% are reported to have parasites. Several of the ponies were pregnant, believed to be conceived by full grown stallions, which endangers the ponies while giving birth to the larger animals.

“Our partnership with the Humane Society ensures that the animals will receive the immediate medical care, attention and quality life they deserve,” said Mr. Qualls. “Due to the volume and size of the animals, we would not have been able to do this on our own. Our ultimate goal is that all of these animals find a loving home.”

For information on animal adoption contact the Humane Society of North Texas at 817-332-HSNT (4768) or visit HSNT.org. The Wylie Animal Shelter can be reached at 972-442-5268 or visit WylieTexas.gov for location and operating hours.

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